C. M. B. A.

Stratford, Oat., Dec. 21st, 1886. To the Members of the C. M. B. A. in Canada ormuns.—At the time is close at l when Branches are to select their leal Examiner, I desire to call the ation of the members to the new enacted at the last season of the seme Council in reference to this

tee.

meed not remind you of the fact that east and reputable physicians should selected, as you are well aware that less this is carried out we cannot have cod sound a secolation.

ome of our Branches are dilatory in ring assessment and general fund sies. This should not occur. Branches mid be prompt in their dealings with Grand Secretary, as you are aware Branches are negligent in the disagree of their duty towards him, he mot conduct his business with the preme Council with that punctuality it should characterise the Grand steel of Canada.

medi of Canada.

Therefore, the laws of our association mid be strictly obeyed in regard to a matter. All members should make maselves thoroughly conversant with working of the constitution and send the Branch meetings as regularly possible, so that they may keep themices posted and encourage by their sence the brothers they have elected their efficers.

presence the brothers they have elected as their cflicers.

We have reason to be pleased with the progress we are making, several new Branches having been added to our list the last two months, especially so on account of having no paid organizers.

It speaks well for the interest taken in bahalf of our Association by our worthy Grand Secretary Brother Brown and our Deputies, but we should not leave all the work on their shoulders. It is the duty of all of us to do our utmost to further the interest of our noble association,

A great number of members should be added to our roll books on account of class 3, or the one thousand dollar beneficiary. This will enable us to extend the benefits of our Association to numbers who did not wish to take advantage of class 1.

I have issued a circular to the deputies explaining how to proceed to work up and organize new Branches and I bespeak for them that assistance and co operation from all of our members which will enable them to carry out their duties.

In conclusion, I would say that we should all adhere strictly to the fundamental principle of our Association, which is that we must all be practical Catholics. If we awerve from that great duty, our Association cannot last or present.

prosper.

We owe a debt of gratitude to their Graces the Archbiehops and to their Lordships the Bishops of the different Dioceses where our branches are established, also the reverend clergy, for their bleasing and assistance in furthering our good work, but to continue this favor and have the blessing of God upon our endeavors, it behooves every member to fulfil his part.

The C. M. B. A. is essentially a Catholic Association and we need the appro-

Association and we need the appro-ion of the Catholic church to proceed and prosper. Yours traternally, D. J. O'CONNOR, Grand President,

BRANCH 50, MONTREAL.

BRANCH 50, MONTREAL.

216 St. Martin Steet,
Montreal, Dec. 20th, 1886.

DEAR SIR:—I have much pleasure in writing you the particulars of the opening and installation of officers of Branch No. 50 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, which took place on the 28th ult, in the St. Anthony Young Men's Hall, No 25 Richmond Square, Grand Deputy Chancellor O'Brien cfficiated, assisted by President Quinn of Branch 41. The following brother officers ably assisted with their presence and by their congratulatory remarks which each one made, wishing the new and by their congratulatory remarks which each one made, wishing the new members of Branch 50 the greatest success. There were present Vice Presidents Reilly, Neck and Doyle, of Branches 41 snd 16, Chancellor Rheaume of Amhersburg, Branch 3, Sec. Lawlor of Branch 26, together with T. J. Finn, 1st Vice President of the Grand Council and a large number of brother members from Branches 26 and 41. Below is a list of the officers elected.

President—T. P. Tansey

First Vice President—Mr. Neher

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First Vice President—Mr. Neher
Second Vice President—Jno. Roach
Recording Socretary—Jno. E. Helland
Assistant—D. P. Ferguson
Financial Secretary—C. Brady.
Treasurer—Samuel Cross
Marshall—Andrew Duggan
Guard—Joseph Rutter

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Marshall—Andrew Duggan
Guard—Joseph Butler
Chancellor—P. F. Connolly.
Trustees 2 years—Mr. Roach, H. Bol
duc, Mr. Donnelly.
Trustees 1 year—P. O'Neil J. Coffey
Spiritual Adv.—Rev. Father Donnelly
At the last meeting of the Branch held
on the 9th inst. the above named officers
were re elected by acclamations for the
ensuing term and in conclusion would
state our prospects of success are firststate our prospects of success are first-rate. St. Anthony's Branch No. 50 is in Montreal's aristocratic parish, and the members are all of good standing.

J. E. HOLLAND.

Recording Secretary.

Resolutions of Condolence:

At the regular meeting of St. Ann's branch, No. 41, Montreal, it was Resolved, That this branch hears with very much regret that death has entered the family of our esteemed Brother Guard John McCarthy; and that this branch takes this concerning that the branch takes this opportunity of expressing their sympathies with him and his family on the death of his brother, Chas. McCarthy. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother J. McCartby, and inserted in the press.

At a special meeting of Branch No. 8, C. M. B. A., held this evening, the follow-ing Resolutions of Condelence were unani-

heartfelt sympathy to his family, whe have lost an exemplary hasband, a kind and affectionate father.

Resolved, That we have a Requiem High Mass said for the repose of his soul, that our Charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family, and that they be published in the efficial organ of the association.

Brantford, Dec. 14th, 1886.
Received from the Catholic Mutual
Benefit Association the aum of two
thousand dollars, being the benefit due
at the death of Andrew O'Donovap.
P. L. B. P. LENNON

Witnesses - James Donovan, W. Mc-Castern, E. A. O'Donovan.

Spiritual Advisor—Rev. Father Wil-Spiritual Advisor—Rev.

Iam.
Chance lor—Wm. J. McRence.
President—Wm. A. Dumss.
First vice-President—John Rohan.
Second vice President—John Rohan.
Second vice President—Gramman.
Treasurer—Francis Robert.
Financial Sec.—J. W. Thibodeau.
Rec. Secretary—F. W. Robert.
Assistant Secretary—G. F. Kuhn.
Marahal—J. McLaughlin.
Guard—John Brennan.
Trustees for two years—Wm.
A. Dumas, Ed. Reardon, John Rohan.
F. W. Robert,
Secretary.

Secretary.

BRANCH 5, BRANTFURD.

President—A, Harrington.

First Vice President—M. Klinkbamer.
Sec. Vice President—Wm. J. Brown.
Secretary—J. McGregor.

Assistant Secretary—Jos. Quinn.
Financial Secretary—Jos. Feeny.

Treasurer—Jno. Harrington.

Marshal—Jno. Daly.

Guard—A. McEvoy.

Trustees—M. Shanahan, M. Quinliyan.

BRANCH 42, WOODSTOCK.

Branch 42, woodstock.

Spiritual Adviser—Rev. M. J. Brady.

President—J. H. Halwood.

First Vice President—John F. O'Neill.

Second Vice-President—Wm. Farrell. Treasurer—J. F.O'Neill.
Recording Secretary—Jas J. Landy,

re elected,
Assistant Secretary—Thos. S. Dunn,
Financial Secretary—Joseph E.
Thompson, re-elected,
Marshal—Thos. S. Dunn,
Guard—F. H. Bond.
Trustees for one year—John Callan
and Thos. Dunn,
Trustees for the property of the

Trustees for two years—Jas. Haylew, P. Farrell and J. F. O'Neil.

P. Farrell and J. F. O'Neil,

BRANCH NO. 37, HAMILTON.

President—John Byrne.

First vice President—Thomas Lawlor.

Second vice-Pres.—Thomas Murphy.

Treasurer—Patrick Arland.

Recording Sec.—James F. O'Brien,

Assistant Secretary—Alfred Bourque.

Financial Secretary—J. Paquin,

Marshal—Charles Mooney.

Guard—Francis Fagan. Guard—Francis Fagan,
Trustees—P. S. McGovern, Thomas
Mullins, John Coffey, Francis King and
B. Latremonille.

BRANCH 29, OTTAWA. Spiritual Adviser—Rev. Father Prud.

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President—L. J. Beland.
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2ud Vice-President—J. E. Valin.
Recording Sec.—L. Laframboise,
Assistant Secretary—J. O. Fortier.
Financial Secretary—Jas, Cote,
Treasurer—L. A. E. St. Pierre.
Marshall—V. Laporte,
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Meetings of the Branch are held every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

L. LAFRAMBOISE.
Recording Secretary, Branch 29.
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Guard—Adolph Weser.
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Weser, E. Barrett. All elected by
acclamation.
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Financial Secretary—P. M. Kirby.
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Doherty, E. I. O'Callaghan, J. J. Landy.

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President—T. W. Nicholson.

First Vice President—J. P. Nugent,
Second Vice President—P. Crowe. Second Vice Pleddent—P. Crowe.
Treasurer—T. J. Finn.
Recording Secretary—F. C. Lawlor.
Assistant Recording Sec — A. M. Hardy.
Financial Secretary—T. Foye.
Marshal—P. Mullarky.
Guard—James Mulcahy.
Board of Trustees remain the same for

At a special meeting of Branch No. 8, C. M. B. A., held this evening, the following Resolutions of Condelence were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Brench No. 8 of the C. M. B. A. has suffered a severe loss in the death of a charter member, Bro. Daniel Shes, who died at his home in Kansas City, Mo., on the 24 h inst,

Resolved, That we hereby express our many in Garfield's cabinet.

ABORBISHOP TACHE.

We are delighted to hear than Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface is now, after a long and trying period of almost fully convalescent. We are delighted to hear that His illness, again almost fully convalescent. His Grace occupies so prominent a place in the public eye of Canada, and is so deeply enthroned in the heart of the Catholics population of the Dominion, that his health is to the whole country a matter of solicitude, and his present convalesence a source of general satisfactions.

FORTY HOURS IN ST. MARY'S.

His Lordship the Bishop presided at the solemn opening of the Forty Hour's Devotion at St, Mary's Church on Sunday, Dec. 19th. He spoke to the large congregation in a fervid and devotional discourse, which produced a deep im-pression. The exercises of the Forty Hours were attended by large numbers of the parishioners. They were closed on Wednesday, the 22nd, by solemn High Mass. The number of communions throughout was very large.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS.

To the Editor.—Dear sir, would you kindly answer through your valuable paper what supports Cathelic missions in China and Japan and the North west territories.

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ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION To Mrs. J. McInnes from the Pastor and

Choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ingersoll, Ontario.

Choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ingersell, Ontario.

DEAR FRIEND,—On the occurrence of the great and glorious festival we to day celebrate, the whole Christian world is made joyous in the remembrance of the coming of our Divine Saviour to bring redemption and peace on earth to men of good will. And it's universally regarded as a fitting occasion to acknowledge our feelings of gratitude and to cement friendship by the outward expression of these deep seated sentiments. We, therefore, deem it an appropriate time to pay to you that tribute of gratitude and respectful friendship which we entertain towards you. During the year that you have conducted the choir of our church, your zeal for the glory of God and for the decorum of His worship has not escaped our notice. You have toiled faithfully to render the choir efficient, and whatever we have in this respect attained is due mainly to your efforts. Your personal qualities, especially the amiability of your disposition, have also endeared you to us as a friend, and all these considerations combine to make it a duty on our part to offer you some proof of our appreciation of your services and of the high esteem in which we hold you. We beg of you, therefore, to accept this slight token of our affection and regard; and we pray that you may enjoy in health and prosperity many returns of this festal season.

THE CATHOLICS OF ESSEX CENTRE

The Catholics of this village held a bazzar in Peck's Hall on the three days before Christmas and closing on Christmas, to add to the funds accumulating with which to build a better Catholic church. The ladies had collected together quite a fine assortment of articles which were offered for sale or reffled; the refreshment table was well patronized, the Essex Centre Band generously furnished music gratuitously, and Robert Evans kindly loaned one of his best organs. The chief attraction was the drawing for a village lot valued at \$60, donated by Capt. A. E. Jones, which fell to the lot of Mrs. Ellen Lynch. The net proceeds are about \$215, which is very fair for the small number of resident Catholics, and the small attendance.

The ladies in charge decays.

The ladies in charge deserve a great deal of praise for the perseverence which they displayed in attending during the three or four days the bazaar was open. The gentlemen of the committee were also indefatigable in doing all in their power to make it successful.

The Rev. Father O'Connor of Maid-stone rendered valuable assistance, and attended each day except Friday, when he was otherwise engaged with his ardu-ous priestly duties.

The Rev. Father Reneard of Sandwich attended on the last day, and several of the rev. clergy both of Essex county and elsewhere, though absent, were gen-erous contributors.

The Catholics of Essex Centre desire publicly to thank all who contributed towards this bazzar. H. W. D.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

As great in erest is very properly being evinced throughout the country on the subject of colored priests, our readers will be pleased to learn that an ebonyhued lad is now in preparatory studies for the priesthood in St. Vincent's Abbey, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Loring Augustus Jones, aged 15 years, is the hopeful neophyte. His mother is a mantua maker and has resided for years with her mother at 69 Arthur street, this city. The family originally bailed from Chambersburg, this State. Being fervent Catholics and the youth manifesting great inclination for the priestly state, animated with renewed zeal upon learning of the auspicious incident of the recent ordina-E nerald Vindicator.

tion of Father Tolton—the proto-priest of his race in America, the family entered into correspondence with the authorities at St. Vincent's, culminating in the boy's being finally confided to that institution. He is a maternal nephew of Mr. James T. Whitson, editor of the American Tribune, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tribune, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Irish American.

Under the provisions of the law that allowed him no alternative, Lord Londonderry, Viceroy of Ireland, has appointed a Mr. Thomas Sexton, M. P., to the Shrievalty of Dublin, and Stephen O'Mara to that of L'merick. The selection of these well-known Nationalists emphatically illustrates the change that has come over public sfairs in Ireland within the past few years. Just imagine the Queen (as she must in her cfficial documents), addressing as her "well-beloved representative and officer the Honorable Thomas Sexton, High Sheriff of Dublin!"—or, atill more pointedly, when she will have to address the "ex-suspect" and arrested "traitor," O'Mara, as her "well-beloved and faithful custodian" of that old city of "The Violated Treaty," from whose walls the English, German, Dutch and Danish mercenaries of the usurper,—whose illegitimats and revolutionary successor Queen Victoria cun only claim to be,—were hurled, in defeat, by the embattled legions of the Irish people! It is enough to make every one of the "O'd Ascendancy," whose ancestors (from the time of Henry the Eighth with only a short interval), have ruled the Irish municipalities,—in the words of the poet, "grow green with envy." Perhaps the poet, after all, was also a prophet. It might be to the benefit of those people to "grow green"—at present—if such a transformation were possible. Colorado Catholic.

Father Phelap, of the Watchman, does Colorado Catholic

Father Phelap, of the Watchman, does not believe in many words, but he is one of the few who do not require many to say something. He choes our sentiments in the following: "Some three or four cheap Catholic papers have been started in he East. We take no stock in cheap newspapers. They are of the impersonal sort and take their life and inspiration from the counting room, not from a surcharged and believing heart."

and believing heart."

The example of one man or woman may be the means of saving a number of souls. No matter what may be the surroundings the Catholic who adheres strictly to the practice of his religious duties will gain respect. His prayers, morning and evening, before and after meals, his constant attendance at Mass and Vespers, and a life consistent with the teachings of his Church, may at times be the occasion of ignorant or bigoted ridicule, but deep in their hearts even those who aneer have esteem and admiration for the man who has the courage of his convictions and who does his duty for conscierce sake. Many have been brought to a serious study of the Catholic religior, and ultimately to the true faith, by the simplest acts of devotion on the part of Catholics. It is a false notion which restrains from public acts of piety through fear of giving occasion to mockery. Where one will jeer, a hundred will think. And the more souls will be gained to God. Catholics should therefore be ever attentive to the performance of those simple acts, such as the making of the to God. Catholics should therefore be ever attentive to the performance of those eximple acts, such as the making of the sign of the cross, the recitation at the Angelus, e'c., for they are so many sermons with simple texts that sink into the hearts of their unbelieving brethern and yield abundant fruit. Many a plous Catholic has saved souls without ever dreaming of his ir fluence. Many others could save souls did not thoughtlessness or shame cause neglect of duty. The things that appear small to us now, will one day assume their true greatness.

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last census.
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respectively.

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said Boards, with the approval Lieutenant-Governor in council, t loans for the said purposes to transfer as security for loans a part of their annual on the corporation of the said for the following years, subjet the above limitations; and either said Boards, with the approval afor may for the said purpose, raise in advance, by issuing debentures less than one hundred dollars redecemable in not more than to five years, and for such amount a superintendent of education approve, and in such case the portheir revenues set aside annual aforesaid, or so much thereof as may determine shall be applied to forming of a sinking fund for the demption of the said debentures the Lieutenant Governor shall not such approval, unless it be establish his satisfaction that the interested phaye been notified, at least thirty beforehand, by public notice given asual manner, and published in at one newspaper in the town of Rich. 34. It shall be lawful for the Boards to dec'are in the said debetchalt the same are secured by hypothall the real estate then their promoters.

that the same are secured by hypoth all the real estate then their prop and in the case when such d attom shall have been made, sail debentures shall be se both as respects principal and into a all their said real estate, without primality of registration articles 208 1130 of the Civil Code to the correct without a line. otwithstanding.
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in such debenture,
39. It shall be lawful for either 39. It shall be lawful for either boards of commissioners to established some schools of the town in the common schools of the town in the control of the Board, taking action, a superior school, graded smodel school or convent for girls, smalgamate with any such school of college already established or that hereafter be established within the of the town of Richmond.

What town in Ontario would no joice to be placed in the favorable po of Richmond? But we cannot hor see such a happy state of affairs ina ated in this Province till the Ca people of Ontario, irrespective of feeling and partizan bias, rise in s and united assertion of their just r I have the honor to be, My Lord, aithfully yours, JOHN F. COFF

A FEDERAL DISTRICT.

At a late meeting of the Ottaws council the following resolution was through the usual formalities:

"It was moved by Ald. Greene, onded by Ald. O'Leary, "that the clerk be instructed to give notic proper manner, that application w made to the Local Legislature s mext sitting, for an act to amen-municipal act to enable the Dom government to take appointment control of city police. Carried; ye

We doubt if the Legislature of tario ought to pass any such law a Ottawa city council desires in the m